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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: POSTER HAILS TENG'S REHABILITATION TO PREVIOUS POSTS

1. IN LATE AFTERNOON ON JULY 19 AN OFFICIAL LOOKING WALLPOSTER HAILING THE RETURN TO TENG HSIAO-PING APPEARED OUTSIDE OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES. THE POSTER, WRITTEN IN BOLD BLACK CHARACTERS ON A YELLOW BACKGROUND, READ "WARMLY WELCOME AND RESOLUTELY SUPPORT THE CENTRAL DECISION TO APPOINT TENG HSIAO-PING TO THE POSTS OF PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN, VICE PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION, AND CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF." THE STYLE OF THE POSTER MATCHED PRECISELY THE FORMAT OF THE POSTERS WHICH HAILED THE APPOINTMENT OF HUA KUO-FENG TO PARTY CHAIRMAN LAST OCTOBER. ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES ANOTHER POSTER APPLAUDED THE DECISION OF PARTY CENTRAL TO "NOMINATE" TENG TO THE AFOREMENTIONED POSTS.

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2. NEWS OF THE POSTER SPREAD MORE RAPIDLY WITHIN THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY THAN AMONG THE CHINESE. BY EARLY EVENING MOST CORRESPONDENTS HAD MADE THE TREK TO THE POSTER SITE (WHICH IS ONE-HALF HOUR BY CAR FROM THE CUSTOMARY POSTING SITE). ASKED BY A REUTER CORRESPONDENT FOR HIS REACTION, ONE CHINESE BYSTANDER REPLIED WITHOUT HESITATION: "THIS IS VERY GOOD NEWS. WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING THIS FOR A LONG TIME."

3. BY 2100 HOURS LOCAL NO OTHER POSTERS HAD BEEN SIGHTED.

THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE WAS DARK; TIENANMEN SQUARE HAD NO MORE PERSONS THAN USUAL; NO SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS SEEMED TO BE IN FORCE; THE PEKING MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE AND PARTY COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS WERE NOT LIT UP; AND THERE WAS NO ACTIVITY AROUND OTHER MINISTRIES AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. PEKING RADIO HAS CARRIED NO SPECIAL PROGRAMMING NOR HAS IT ALERTED LISTENERS TO STAY TUNED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

4. COMMENT: EVEN THOUGH AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON TENG'S REHABILITATION HAS BEEN WIDELY EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT MEDIA BUILDUP, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE POSTER IS AN UNAUTHORIZED EFFORT TO STEAMROLLER TENG'S NOMINATIONS THROUGH THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP MEETING.

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